

Resolution on Our Support of Church Planting

WHEREAS the Great Commission given by the Builder of the Church, our Lord Jesus Christ, commands us to go and teach all nations (Matthew 16:18; 28:19-20); and

Since the Apostles understood the Great Commission to be best fulfilled in planting new churches (Acts 1:8; 13-14); and

Since this ministry of planting new churches is to continue until the completion of the Church, when the Lord comes to catch up His Church (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17); and

Since sin continues to hold much of our worlds' population in bondage, with the only answer being faith in Jesus Christ (John 14:6; Acts 4:12); and

Since the population of the world in general and America in particular continues to grow;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers in fellowship with the Nebraska association of Regular Baptist Churches meeting for our 50th Annual Fall conference in Fullerton, Nebraska, October 8-9, 2007, reaffirm our commitment to the ministry of planting new churches, both in America and the rest of the world; and

We urge pastors and congregations to teach the emphasis Scripture gives to planting; and

We urge pastors and congregations to support the church planters the Lord is sending out today by enlisting them for meetings, praying for them, encouraging them through regular communication, helping them in practical ways, and supporting them financially; and

We urge pastors and congregations to become directly involved in church planting by sponsoring new churches among various ethnic groups, new areas of metropolitan growth in America, and un-reached areas of the world until the completion of the Church, when the Lord catches up His Church to be with Him forevermore.